

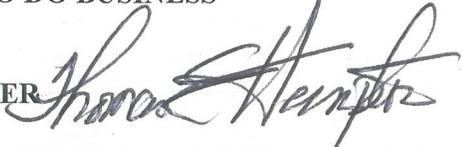
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BULLETIN
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**TO: ALL HEALTH INSURERS LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

FROM: THOMAS E. HAMPTON, COMMISSIONER 

**RE: THE EXPANSION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS
INSURANCE COVERAGE ACT OF 2006 (D.C. LAW 16-242)**

DATE: APRIL 11, 2007

This bulletin is being issued to clarify the intent of the amendments to the Drug Abuse, Alcohol Abuse, and Mental Illness Insurance Coverage Act of 1986, effective February 28, 1987 (D.C. Law 6-195; D.C. Official Code § 31-3101 *et seq.*) (the “Act”) as reflected in the D.C. Law 16-242, the “Expansion of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Insurance Coverage Amendment Act of 2006,” which became effective March 8, 2007.

Effective immediately, the list of policies for which the requirements of the Act, as amended by D.C. Law 16-242, shall not apply, as delineated at D.C. Official Code § 31-3102(b)(2), include dread disease policies, student accident policies, nursing home policies, and home health care policies. This clarification is being issued to correct the omission of the term “accident” in the reference to “student policies” in section 2(b)(2) of D.C. Law 16-242. As such, the requirements of the Act, as amended, shall not apply to “student accident policies” but shall apply to other student policies.

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